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While I have no doubt that useful intelligence could be obtained from low-level flights over Cuba, I believe such action should be weighed against the cost if they are undertaken at this time. It seems to me likely that such flights would reduce, if not prevent, any further withdrawal of Soviet troops. Moreover, such action could affect adversely to our interest Soviet policy in Laos.

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